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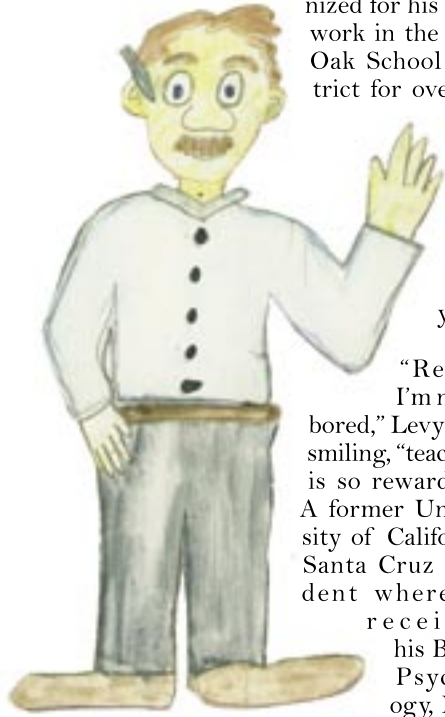
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The Rock Man

Bob Levy, a dedicated teacher to the district for over 30 years

Better known to his fifth grade students as Mr. Rock, Most Ponderful, and the teacher who always has a pen behind his ear, Bob Levy is also recognized for his hard work in the Live Oak School District for over 31



Student Drawing of Mr. Levy

years. "Really I'm never bored," Levy says smiling, "teaching is so rewarding." A former University of California Santa Cruz student where he received his BA in Psychology, Levy thought he

might like a career as a school psychologist. Soon one of Levy's advisors at the University recommended that he volunteer to work with children. It wasn't long after that Bob was hired as an Aide at Green Acres Elementary School.

Soon after graduating college Bob got his teaching credential and his first teaching job at Boulder Creek Elementary making just over \$7,000 a year. One year later, in 1973, Levy got a job in the Live Oak School District teaching second grade at Live Oak Elementary School.

By 1976, Bob moved to Green Acres Elementary School teaching third and fourth grade. During his next 13 years at Green Acres, Bob worked more closely with the fourth grade class, and also began work on what is now the pond in the Green Acres Life Lab. Levy recalls, "The Life Lab used to be an old parking lot, and that is where I received my award for Most Ponderful." Later on during the 1989-90 school year, Levy returned to teaching at Live Oak where he currently teaches fourth grade.

Good friend and fellow co-worker, Karen Smith, remembers starting work with Bob, "In 1989-90, when the district went back to two neighborhood K-5 schools and moved all the teachers around!" Smith says of Levy's work with students, "He has knowledge about many things, but I think he probably is the resident geology expert in the District. If you go into his classroom when he is doing a unit on rocks, you will be amazed at the samples of rocks he has to show his students. It really gets everyone (students and adults) interested in thinking about geology."

Another one of Bob's fortes is in technology. He has tried many innovative things in his classroom using his knowledge about the computer and having students apply it to photography, slide shows, and personal biographies. "I'm the tech liaison for the Live Oak School site," Bob says, "It is important to keep up to date. I would really be interested in teaching a digital photography class someday."

Jim Caton, another friend and co-worker in the Live Oak School District recalls working with Bob for more than 20 years. "We have worked together at Live Oak School for more than a decade!" Caton, too, knows Levy as "The Rock Man, and 'THE' tech teacher," but more importantly he says, "That he is fair. He puts in many hours so that his students benefit from a very enriched classroom. He spends every lunch organizing and playing board games with his students."

As Bob continues his teaching career he admits there's not much else he would rather do, "Because he really enjoys the whole classroom day." Levy admits, "I never watch the clock - it's really rewarding to get kids to learn." Colleague, Bonnie Thurston agrees, "Bob has high expectations of his students -- and when students enter his class we know they will learn to be organized, focused, and responsible students."

While all of Bob Levy's co-workers vary in their talk of him, there is the consensus



Bob Levy teaching to a group of third graders

that Mr. Levy is, "100% a teacher, committed, dedicated, thoughtful, humorous and helpful, and overall -- EVERYONE enjoys working with him."

Bob Levy exemplifies the excellence of the Live Oak School District's employees, and their 130 years of dedication.



Bob Levy in a recent photo-op



Kid Care and Shoreline Teen Center Creates A Healthy Environment for Students

"A high quality preschool and after school program provides a safe and nurturing environment that promotes the physical, emotional, and cognitive development of young children while responding to the needs of our families."

The Live Oak School District Kid Care and Teen Center has grown from 50 at its inception to over 330 children, serving families from all over Santa Cruz County. With the growth of the program, the District hopes to keep the overall vision to give universal support to families with children through 2 1/2 to 14 years of age, "A safe, healthy and appealing environment. An environment where children can relax and go at their own pace with activities they choose. An environment where diversity and differences are accepted."

Providing excellence since 1973, the Live Oak School District's Child Development Program offers an enthusiastic, dedicated and multicultural staff. All instructors are specialist in Child Development and are licensed by the State of California. The Live Oak School District Child Development Program offers a free accredited, state funded and licensed Early Care and Education Program at the Live Oak, Green Acres, and Del Mar Elementary School sites. The District provides morning (8:30-11:30) and afternoon (12:30am-3:30pm) preschool classes to over 130 children district wide, 176 days per year.

Not only does the District provide the community with quality after school care, but the Child Development Program also ensures a staff that is made up of a team of Credentialed Teachers, Site Supervisors, Master Teachers, and Classroom Assistants. Each position title requires a specific level of education and experience working with young children, school age children and teens. Alexis Underwood, a credentialed teacher at the Del Mar Elementary Kid Care site says, "In this program, we provide a safe

and nurturing environment which is fun and challenging. We utilize the Live Oak Community we live in by creating a safe



A group of Kid Care after school kids work on a puppet show

space."

In their efforts to keep with the District's goals, the Child Development Program feels strongly that low teacher-child ratios are critical for all groups of children. They staff their preschool programs at a ratio of 1:10, and all other after-school /teen center programs at a ratio of 1:14. All staff also participates in on going staff development in the areas of early literacy and oral language development, curriculum and assessment, health and safety, positive discipline, technology, and diversity in the classroom.

All the Live Oak School District's after-

school Programs offer daily homework assistance, computer training, and keep in regular contact with families and classroom teachers. They also offer language/creative arts storytelling, music, baking, arts & crafts, and science activities. For Recreation each site provides board games, outdoor play, organized sports and noncompetitive individual games. The Kid Care programs strive to keep a strong bond between home and school. The staff also highly encourages children to accept diversity with others, and assists in the development of their conflict resolution skills to make healthy and appropriate choices.

While the District has three after school programs that are specifically for ages K-5, the Live Oak School District and the Santa Cruz County Parks and Recreations in collaboration also offer a quality after-school program for grades 6-8. The Shoreline Teen Center accommodates Shoreline Middle School students and run's concurrently with the Shoreline Middle School yearly calendar. There is an Academic Center where students receive homework assistance, a Tech Center, and a Recreation Center that includes a clubhouse, field sports, court games, swimming, and field trips.

If you would like more information on the Shoreline Teen Center, please call: (831) 475-6565, ext. 130, or (831) 462-1116 for the Live Oak Child Development Program.



Homework help at the Shoreline Teen Center



Propuesta de Votación de un Bono para las Escuelas de Live Oak - 2 de marzo de 2004

Puntos Básicos Sobre el Bono

- El Bono Live Oak Schools' Community Partnership Bond proporcionará 14.5 millones de dólares para efectuar reparos de seguridad, mejoras y modernización en las Escuelas de Live Oak.
- El Bono Live Oak Schools' Community Partnership Bond representa una inversión de 7 millones de dólares en fondos para la mejora de escuelas, para la modernización y actualización de la histórica Escuela Live Oak.
- Si los votantes aprueban el Bono Live Oak Schools' Community Partnership Bond el Distrito será elegible para recibir una suma adicional de 3 millones de dólares en fondos paralelos del estado que extienden el rendimiento de los dólares locales. Si el bono no es votado, los fondos irán a otros distritos que aprueben bonos locales.



Ala de la escuela Live Oak School construida hace 50 años: Necesita un techo nuevo, nuevas cañerías, y modificaciones para aumentar la eficiencia de las instalaciones eléctricas y de energía.

Lista del Proyecto

Todos los estudiantes del Distrito escolar de Live Oak se beneficiarán con los fondos del bono. Las escuelas serán beneficiadas con los siguientes proyectos de reparación, mejora y construcción, según sea necesario.

Los proyectos incluyen lo siguiente:

- Reemplazo de alarmas contra incendios y sistemas de comunicación para aumentar la seguridad de los estudiantes
- Reparación o reemplazo de los techos de las salas de clase con más de 30 años de antigüedad
- Mejora o reemplazo de los sistemas eléctricos, disyuntores, transformadores, cableado y tomacorrientes antiguos de las salas de clase y de los sistemas de conservación de energía
- Mejora o reemplazo de las cañerías deterioradas de 50 años de antigüedad.
- Reemplazo o mejora de los sistemas de ventilación y calefacción envejecidos
- Abordar los problemas de seguridad de las instalaciones, la conformidad con el código, y el acceso para discapacitados
- Reparación o mejora de las salas de clase y de las instalaciones escolares, para cumplir con los estándares actuales
- Reemplazo o mejora de muebles y equipos
- Mejora de baños para cumplir con los estándares estatales y federales actuales
- Ampliación y mejora de las zonas de estacionamiento y de las áreas de dejar y recoger estudiantes, para mayor seguridad de los estudiantes
- Construcción de dos nuevas salas comunitarias compartidas para usos diversos
- Ampliación del estacionamiento de las salas para usos diversos
- Asegurar el Centro de Educación para personas mayores (seniors) Live Oak
- Atender las obligaciones de la comunidad con las escuelas charter
- Mejora de los laboratorios de computación adicionales e implementación de mayores recursos tecnológicos para perfeccionar el aprendizaje y el rendimiento de los estudiantes
- Cumplimiento de la contribución a la reserva de mantenimiento del estado

Garantía de los Contribuyentes

El Distrito Escolar de Live Oak ha demostrado poseer un historial de buenas costumbres en administración fiscal y obtuvo además la clasificación de bonos AAA.

Los proyectos incluyen lo siguiente:

- No se puede gastar el dinero en salarios.
- El dinero sólo se puede usar en proyectos específicos para instalaciones.
- Se establecerá un comité de supervisión compuesto por ciudadanos independientes.
- Una vez por año se realizará una auditoría financiera independiente del uso del dinero del bono.



Live Oak School Bond Measure - March 2, 2004

Basic Bond Facts

- Live Oak Schools' Community Partnership Bond will provide 14.5 million dollars in safety repairs, upgrades and modernization to Live Oak Schools.
- Live Oak Schools' Community Partnership Bond will invest 7 million dollars in school improvement funds to modernize and upgrade historic Live Oak School.
- Voter approval of Live Oak Schools' Community Partnership Bond would make the District eligible for an additional 3 million dollars in State matching funds making local dollars go farther. If the bond fails, these funds will go to other districts that pass local bonds.



50 year-old wing at Live Oak School: Needs new roof, plumbing, electrical and energy efficiency modifications

Project List

Every student in the Live Oak School District will benefit from bond funds. Schools will receive the following repair, upgrade and construction projects as necessary.

Projects include the following:

- Replace fire alarms and communication systems to increase student safety
- Repair and replace 30 year-old classroom roofs
- Upgrade/replace outdated electrical systems, circuit breakers, transformers, wiring and outlets in classrooms and energy conservation systems
- Upgrade/replace deteriorating 50 year-old plumbing
- Replace/upgrade aging heating and ventilation systems
- Address facility safety, code compliance and access for the disabled
- Repair and upgrade classrooms and school facilities to meet current standards
- Replace/upgrade furniture and equipment
- Upgrade restrooms to meet current state and federal standards
- Expand and improve school drop-off and parking areas to increase student safety
- Construct two new community joint-use multi-purpose rooms
- Expand multi-purpose room's parking
- Secure Live Oak Senior Education Center
- Address community charter school obligations
- Upgrade additional computer labs and increase technology to enhance student learning and achievement.
- Meet the State's maintenance reserve contribution.

Taxpayer Safeguards

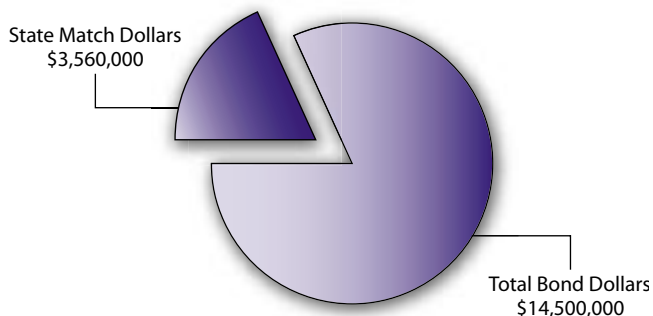
Live Oak School District has a demonstrated history of good fiscal management practices and has earned an AAA bond rating.

By Law, the following must occur:

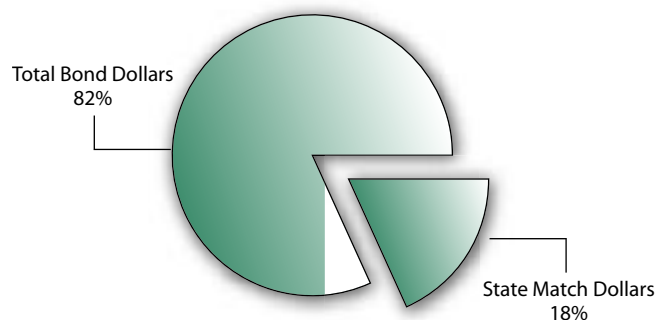
- No money can be spent on salaries.
- Money can only be spent on specified facility projects.
- An independent citizens' oversight committee will be established.
- An annual independent financial audit of bond proceeds shall be conducted.

District and State Project Dollars (Dolares para Proyectos del Distrito y del Estado)

Summary of District and State Project Dollars
Totaling \$18,060,000



Summary Comparison of Total Bond Dollars
to State Match Dollars





Live Oak School District Student Registration packets and information available for parents

Early registration is advised to facilitate enrollment of your child within his/her attendance area. Parents interested in enrolling their students at a school other than their school of residence may apply for a transfer by completing an Intra-District Transfer Form. These forms are available at the District Office and at each school site. The District will begin processing these requests through a lottery. The first lottery will be held on March 18th. Parents are encouraged to apply early.

Verification of up-to-date immunization and current student address are required for registration. Immunizations are required for DPT, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, and chicken pox.

Kindergarten Registration packets will be available at your child's respective school office beginning March 9th between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. At that time, parents will be asked to schedule an appointment for registration on March 22nd, 23rd, 31st, or April 1st. Children must be five (5) years of age by Dec. 2nd. An original birth certificate and verification of above immunizations are required for registration. State law also requires a thorough health examination for all



Shoreline Middle School

children entering Kindergarten. Health check up forms are available at doctors' offices or the school sites.

After School Care is provided by the Live Oak School District Child Development program at each elementary school site as well as a teen program at Shoreline Middle School. For information and to register call 462-1116. Early registration will help ensure your child's placement in the after school programs.

- Four California Golden Bell Awards
- K-3 Class Size Reduction
- All schools exceed state performance goals
- All elementary schools offer preschool programs
- All elementary schools offer after-school care
- Shoreline Middle School offers an after school teen program
- Greatest computer to student ratio in Santa Cruz County
- Winner National District Magna Award for Technology
- Cypress Charter High School offers college prep. and career training pathways

Del Mar Elementary School
Preschool/Kindergarten - 5th Grade
1959 Merrill Street
(Off 17th Ave. near Felt Street)
(831) 477-2063

Cypress Charter School
9th - 11th Grade
2039 Merrill Street
(Off 17th Ave. near Felt St. next to Del Mar School)
(831) 477-0302

Green Acres Elementary School
Preschool/Kindergarten - 5th Grade
966 Bostwick Lane
(Between 7th Ave. and Paul Minnie Ave.)
(831) 475-0111

Ocean Alternative Education Center
A Home School Program
Kindergarten - 8th Grade
984-6 Bostwick Lane
(Off Paul Minnie next to District Office)
(831) 475-0767

Live Oak Elementary School
Preschool/Kindergarten - 5th Grade
1916 Capitola Road
(Between 17th Ave. and Chanticleer)
(831) 475-2000

Shoreline Middle School
6th - 8th Grade
855 17th Ave.
(Next to the Simpkins Swim Center)
(831) 475-6565



Del Mar Elementary School



From Students to Staff: Live Oak School District Graduates Stay in the Family

Many Live Oak District students stay in the community, raise their families, and work for the District that gave them their education. Listed below are current employees that are Live Oak District graduates:

Board of Education

Carolyn M. Bartz
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Member

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Member

School Administration

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Sidney Reeder
Del Mar School
Food Service Mgr.

What is your fondest memory of school?

"Being in Ms. Lynn's class and leaving love notes on Mr. Sullivan's window."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"Mr. Evans, Ms. Lynn & Ms. Milton"



Miguel Cervantes
Live Oak School District
Grounds Maintenance II

What is your fondest memory of school?

"The Del Mar dances."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"Mr. Sullivan"



Denise Walters
Shoreline Middle School
Administrative Secretary

What is your fondest memory of school?

"Being in music class and all of the wonderful teachers."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"Ruth Antolini, Mrs. Rednick & Gary Fredrick"



Cathy Ritchey
Del Mar School
Administrative
Specialist I

What is your fondest memory of school?

"Being in music class."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"Gary Fredrick, Mr. 'B' & Mr. Orlando"



Kraig Evans
Shoreline
7th Grade P. E. Teacher

What is your fondest memory of school?

"Playing rugby with Mr. Miske."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"Gary Fredrick, Mr. Marengo & Mr. Sullivan"

Rachelle Kay
Green Acres
Instructional Aide II

What is your fondest memory of school?

"Mr. Sullivan's history class."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"Mr. Sullivan"



Cathy Turpen
Green Acres
2nd Grade Teacher

What is your fondest memory of school?

"I had excellent teachers all the way through and was also one of the first kids at Green Acres the day it opened."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"Sophie Farrar at Live Oak"



Sylvia Nama
Green Acres
Nutrition Associate

What is your fondest memory of school?

"Being in music class with Mr. Fredrick & Mr. Orlando."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"Mr. Fredrick & Mr. Orlando"



Rachel Cross
Live Oak/Green Acre
Food Nutrition Associate

What is your fondest memory of school?

"The Del Mar dances."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"Mr. Marengo & Gary Fredrick"



Meghan Pickett
Shoreline Middle School
Math Teacher

What is your fondest memory of school?

"I remember nap time on the rug in kindergarten."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"Mrs. Enz."



Meghan Pickett
Kindergarten
Photograph



Kim Espinosa
4th Grade
Photograph



Kim Espinosa
District Office
Administrative Specialist I

What is your fondest memory of school?

"Winning a math contest in Ms. Lancaster's 4th grade class."

Who was your favorite teacher?
"I had many great teachers but I'd say that Gary Fredrick was my favorite."



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Stanford Achievement Test 9 (SAT9) scores show consistent gains in all areas

In 1998 the state of California adopted the Stanford Achievement Test 9 (SAT9) as its **base** normed reference test, by which to measure the total academic progress of Live Oak students. The Live Oak School District has consistently shown academic gains above state averages since 1998. These graphs show the last set

of SAT9 scores for the District.

In 2003 the state adopted its new base line test aligned with the California Academic Standards. This test is known as the California Standards Test and will become the District's **new** benchmark by which it will measure academic growth for 2003-04.

SAT9 Mathematics - 1998, 2001 & 2002

SAT9 Language - 1998, 2001 & 2002

